PMO the facts about reservation to SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped as per provision made in 1974 for NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor and by when, the action will be taken on 1974 provisions?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, *vide* their O.M. No. 27/12/73-Estt. (SCT) dated 7.10.1974 directed that reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes should be made applicable to the Voluntary Organizations, drawing grant-in-aid from Ministries, that meet the following criteria:

(i) The Voluntary Organisation employs more than 20 persons on a regular basis;

(ii) At least 50% of its recurring expenditure is met from Grant-in-Aid from the Central Government;

(iii) The body is a registered society; and

(iv) It is in receipt of a general purpose annual grant in aid of Rs. 2 lakh and above from the Consolidated Fund of India.

The letters of sanction of grant-in-aid that are issued to the NGOs by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment invariably include its provision. Further, in respect of sanctions issued under Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances/Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, it is stipulated that maximum number of disabled persons would be employed and implementation of the instructions applicable in Government of India would be ensured. Recently, the Ministry has reiterated these instructions and is giving time to the NGOs to comply with these instructions.

The letter received by PMO in October, 2004 does not made any mention of the 1974 directions.

Recognition to small and regional political parties

† *266. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a discussion has been held recently to reconsider recognition

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of the small and regional political parties and to take an initiative to control regionalism;

(b) if so, whether the Election Commission has suggested that it is necessary to think over the recognition of the political parties; arid

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Delivery of degrees to students of Delhi University

*267. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several lakh students, who have passed out from Delhi University during the last ten years, have not been able to get their degrees from the Delhi University because of cumbersome rules adopted by the University;

(b) if so, the number of degrees still lying in the University;

(c) whether any efforts were made to send those degrees to the students by post and if so, with what result; and

(d) the steps being taken for the early delivery of degree to the students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, it has an established procedure for preparation and distribution of degree certificates. As of now no prepared degree certificates are lying with the University for distribution. However, degree certificates remain with the colleges, for want of a response from the concerned students. Special efforts have been made for sending uncollected degrees through special arrangements with the postal authorities. More than thirty thousand such degrees have been delivered to, or have been collected by students since the last year on account of these efforts.